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WESTERN INDUSTRIES TO THE ARABS.

1. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT, CONSERVATIVE)

FRONT-PAGED DEC 3 A SPECIAL INTERVIEW GIVEN ITS

CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS BY DANISH FONMIN OVE GULDBERG

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ON THE SUBJECT OF OIL PRODUCERS' INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL

COUNTRIES. GULDBERG WAS CITED AS SAYING THAT THE PROBLEM OF HIGH OIL PRICES COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY "PAWNING" WESTERN INDUSTRIES TO THE ARABS. SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE TO STOP INVESTMENTS OF 50 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY THE ARABS IN THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. THEORETICALLY, IN SUCH A SITUATION, THOSE COUNTRIES WOULD ATTENUATE THE VALUE OF THE INVESTMENT OR, "SAY EVERY FIFTH YEAR," THE INVESTMENTS WOULD BE CONFISCATED BY NATIONALIZATION.

2. GULDBERG REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE DIALOGUE THE EC WISHES TO ENGAGE IN WITH THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS IS MEANT TO AVOID "SUCH PROBLEMS" THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE FACILITY FOR OBTAINING LOANS FROM OIL PRODUCERS WHICH THE EC HAS DECIDED UPON WILL NOT RESULT IN THE EXTENT OF DEPENDENCY WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE IF INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBERS WERE THE BORROWERS.

3. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY, GULDBERG'S STATEMENT WILL NOT BE GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS, IF INDEED THEY PAY ANY ATTENTION TO IT. AS IN MANY OF HIS STATEMENTS, THE PRECISE MEANING IS LESS THAN CRYSTAL CLEAR. THE GENERAL THRUST OF HIS CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS APPARENT. IT IS THAT PREOCCUPATION WITH THE TECHNIQUES OF "RECYCLING" HAVE UNTIL RECENTLY OBSCURED THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF SELLING OR MORTGAGING CONTROL OF LARGE SEGMENTS OF IMPORTANT WESTERN INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS TO THE OIL-PRODUCING STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. (THE DANISH PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION TO THE KUWAITI PURCHASE OF SHARES IN DAIMLER-BENZ.) ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF MOST DANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF FINANCING DENMARK'S LARGE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT WHICH EITHER RECYCLING SCHEMES OR DIRECT INVESTMENTS FROM ANY SOURCE WOULD HELP.
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